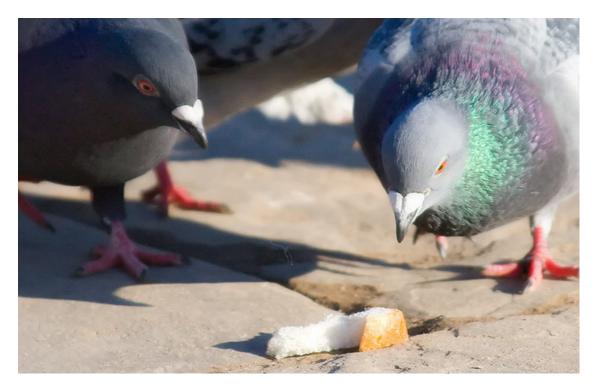


It's easy to see animals in the zoo. But if you look around in the city, animals are everywhere!



Pigeons are everywhere in the city, picking up food on the streets.



Raccoons live in the city too. Sometimes they look for food in the trash.



This moose walked all the way from the forest into someone's front yard!



This swan is crossing the street to get back to the lake.



In some cities, horses help the police keep people safe.



In other cities, elephants give people rides on the streets.



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